Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 14 Aug 2020 until 23:59 on Saturday 15 Aug 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 13 Aug 2020 at 17:15 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High a rather quiet theme with light winds and little rain for much of the period, with the west most often brightest. Perhaps turning more showery towards midweek.

Headline for Friday 14 Aug 2020: Early cloud developing breaks to reveal sunny spells. Light winds throughout. Outside chance of a sharp shower.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 14 Aug 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

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Weather: Friday should see little change in conditions through the day, with areas further south and west more liable to see early low cloud clear under strong sunshine, with UV then becoming the main hazard of note, although there is an outside chance of the odd sharp shower being generated during the afternoon. Winds are likely to be light and variable throughout, dominated by local terrain.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60 percent - ground above 800m may stand clear of cloud throughout, although this asepct is not high confidence, with some occasional periods of cloud eneveloping even the highest ground likely early and late. Note also extensive cloud below this height, perhaps as low as valley floors early on. Higher peaks further south and west will be more favoured.

Visibility: Moderate improving good.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/2 SE	3/4 NE	3/4 NE	4/6 N	7/9 N	5/8 N	4/6 NW	4/6 SE	5/6 SE
900	2/3 SE	2/3 E	3/4 E	3/4 N	3/6 NE	4/7 NW	3/5 NW	4/6 SE	4/5 SE
600	6/7 NE	6/7 NE	6/8 NE	6/8 NE	4/7 NE	3/5 NE	4/6 W	4/6 NE	3/4 SW
300	4/6 N	4/6 N	4/6 N	5/6 N	4/7 N	3/5 NW	4/7 W	2/4 NW	2/4 SE
Glen	6/13 E	5/9 E	4/10 E	5/8 NE	3/6 NE	2/5 S	5/8 W	4/8 S	3/5 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	13/14	13/13	13/13	12/11	12/11	14/13	14/14	12/12	11/11
900	14/14	14/14	14/14	15/15	17/17	18/18	17/17	14/14	12/12
600	16/16	16/15	15/14	15/15	17/18	19/20	19/20	17/17	15/15
300	17/17	16/16	15/15	17/17	20/20	22/23	21/22	18/20	17/18
Glen	17/17	16/16	16/17	20/20	23/24	24/26	23/24	19/20	18/18
Freezing Level*	3000m	3000m	2900m	2900m	2800m	2900m	2800m	2800m	2800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Temperatures and mountain hazards will be markedly different depending on local peristence of low cloud.

Forecast for Saturday 15 Aug 2020
Weather: On balance, a similar day to Friday, but probably with rather more cloud around to a greater extent, with higher peaks progressively less likely to stand clear of cloud for anywhere other than the more sheltered west. Cloud will be more liable to generate light rain and drizzle at times, more likely early and late in the east. Winds will again be light throughout. There is again a small chance of sharp showers in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Variable 10mph, mainly dominated by local terrain. Up-valley more likely from late morning, stronger down-valley into the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40 percent but falling in the east, with cloud deepening with time, even if visibility on lower slopes improves. Perhap 60 percent in the west, with lee shelter less effective than on Friday.

Visibility: Poor in places at first but improving to good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around plus 8 Celsius at dawn in western glens rising to 22 Celsius in sunnier areas by day
At 800m: Around plus 13 Celsius
Freezing level: Well above the summits.

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